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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES THAT APPLICATIONS FOR CELLULAR RURAL SERVICE AREAS ("RSA") ARE ACCEPTED FOR FILING

AUCTION EVENT NO. 45

Pleading Cycle Established

Report No. AUC-45 (Auction No. 45)

The long-form applications (FCC Form 601) for Cellular RSA licenses listed in Attachment A have been found, upon initial review, accepted for filing. The Commission may return or dismiss any application if it is found upon further examination, to be defective or not in conformance with the Commission's rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.934 (a), (d).

Petitions to deny the applications listed in Attachment A must be filed no later than **August 5**, **2002**, ten (10) days after the date of this Public Notice. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.2108(b). Oppositions to a petition to deny must be filed no later than **August 12**, **2002**, five (5) business days after the filing date for petitions to deny. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.2108(c). Replies to oppositions must be filed no later than **August 19**, **2002**, five (5) business days after the filing date for oppositions. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.2108(c). All pleadings filed regarding Cellular RSA long-form applications should refer to **Report No. AUC-45** (**Auction No. 45**), as well as to the specific FCC file number of the individual application.

Due to the threat of contamination that resulted in the disruption of regular mail, the Commission released on November 29, 2001 an *Order*¹ temporarily amending certain procedural rules on an emergency basis.

Pleadings must be filed electronically (i.e., by e-mail or facsimile), by overnight delivery service (i.e., other than U.S. Postal Service Express and Priority Mail) or by hand delivery to the Commission's Massachusetts Avenue location.

• If filed electronically by e-mail, pleadings shall be filed at the following e-mail address: WTBSecretary@fcc.gov. Please also copy (CC) Amal Abdallah at aabdalla@fcc.gov. For security purposes, we recommend that documents filed via electronic mail be converted to PDF format.

¹ See In the Matter of Implementation of Interim Electronic Filing Procedures for Certain Commission Filings, *Order*, FCC 01-345 (rel. Nov. 29, 2001).

- If filed by facsimile, pleadings shall be faxed to 202-418-0187. The fax transmission should include a cover sheet listing contact name, phone number and, if available, an e-mail address. Please also fax a copy to Amal Abdallah, Room 4-A-234, Policy and Rules Branch, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-6736.
- If filed by hand delivery, pleadings shall be delivered to 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington DC 20002.² Please address copies to Amal Abdallah, Room 4-A-234, Policy and Rules Branch, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.
- If filed by overnight delivery service (other than U.S. Postal Service Express and Priority Mail), pleadings must be received at the Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. As noted in the October 17 and October 18, 2001 public notices, the Commission will divert those deliveries to the Capitol Heights facility.

In addition, one copy of each pleading must be delivered to the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington D.C., 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

The applications listed in Attachment A are available to the public for electronic viewing in the Commission's Universal Licensing System ("ULS"). Instructions for obtaining and using ULS are contained in Attachments B and C to this Public Notice.

After the pleading cycle, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will announce by further public notice applicants to which the Commission is prepared to award licenses. All winning bidders will be required to pay the balance of their total winning bids in a lump sum payment within ten (10) business days following the release of the public notice announcing that the Commission is prepared to grant their respective licenses. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.2109(a). Licenses will be awarded upon the full and timely payment of the winning bids and any applicable late fees.

Any amendments to FCC Form 601 applications must be filed electronically. For technical assistance in using ULS for viewing applications or making amendments to applications, contact the FCC Technical Support Hotline at (202) 414-1250 or Michael H. Kleeb at (202) 418-1306. The Technical Support Hotline generally will be available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET. All calls to the FCC Technical Support Hotline are recorded. Questions regarding procedural issues concerning the applications should be directed to Amal Abdallah, at (202) 418-7307.

This Public Notice contains the following attachments:

• Attachment A: List of Applications Accepted for Filing – sorted by Applicant.

² See Public Notice, "FCC Announces a New Filing Location for Paper Documents and a New Fax Number for General Correspondence," DA 01-2919 (rel. Dec. 14, 2001).

³ See Public Notice, "FCC Announces Change in Filing Location for Paper Documents," DA 01-2436 (rel. Oct. 17, 2001); *Public Notice*, "FCC Announces Changes In Filing Procedures," DA 01-2430 (rel. Oct. 17, 2001); *Public Notice*, "Clarification on FCC's Announced Changes in Filing Procedures," DA 01-2451 (rel. Oct. 18, 2001).

- Attachment A1: List of Applications Accepted for Filing sorted by market and block.
- Attachment B: Instructions for Searching for Applications Listed in Attachment A using ULS.
- Attachment C: Instructions for Accessing the FCC Network Using Windows 95/98.